

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Voting Members:

Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice-Chair
Ikaika Anderson, Stanley Chang, Breene Harimoto

Committee Meeting Held
August 20, 2013

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development to which was referred Resolution 13-195 entitled:

“RELATING TO URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FOR THE 2013 RESILIENT CITIES CHALLENGE.”

reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to urge the City administration to apply for a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for the **2013 Resilient Cities Challenge** before the September 23, 2013 deadline.

The Department of Emergency Management testified in support of the Resolution, explaining that an application of interest had been filed with the Rockefeller Foundation. Enterprise Honolulu also submitted testimony in support.

Compelling evidence on climate change, sea-level rise and coastal inundation hazards and preparedness was heard by your Committee prior to hearing this Resolution. The Rockefeller Foundation’s **100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge** recognizes that many cities are unprepared to meet these types of threats and other challenges. The Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge has proposed to provide \$100 million to be shared among the 100 cities that are selected, which are combined with a networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities from the Resilient Cities network, the

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ability to hire a Chief Resilience Officer and other related technical support for participating cities.

Given the State of Hawaii's isolated location in the Pacific Ocean, and its vulnerability to a wide range of natural disasters, your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu would benefit substantially from this grant with a level of technical support and resources that would enable the City to develop more comprehensive plans for resiliency.

The City administration is urged to address questions regarding the City's required level of commitment if its initial application of interest is accepted by the Rockefeller Foundation this month. Your Committee notes that the City administration can leverage many levels of state, county and federal networks, military/defense support and scientific/technical communities for disaster preparedness/urban resilience in preparing the City's grant application; and thereby encourages the City administration to keep the Council apprised of the progress during the weeks leading to the September submittal deadline.

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Your Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 13-195 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Fukunaga, Anderson, Chang, Harimoto, Pine – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

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